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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-375988)

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FROM : SAC, WFO (74-146)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Harvey  
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Remyairtels 2/9/55, 2/10/55, and 2/11/55 setting forth results of interviews with PAUL HAROLD HUGHES. The following is a detailed account to date of this office's contacts with HUGHES. Because of the political implications and innuendoes and because HUGHES' motives and reliability are unknown to this office at the present time, this office is setting forth this information by letter rather than report.

On 2/9/55, Inspector KEAY of the Bureau telephoned SAC L. L. LAUGHLIN concerning a wire received by the Department of Justice. Subsequent investigation at the Western Union Telegraph Company reflected that this wire was sent to the Justice Department, Attention: WILLIAM RODGERS, from Washington, D.C., on 2/7/55 at 10:47 AM. The wire read:

"Interview PAUL HUGHES, 412 Albee Building, immediately for new details pertaining to Remington and Matusow.  
DUKE SIEVERS."

According to Western Union records, this telegram was sent from a pay telephone located in Peoples Drugstore, 1107 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., directly across the street from WFO. Investigation on 2/9/55 reflected that the Manager's Office of the Albee Building did not know HUGHES, but inquiries at the Telephone Answering Service in the Albee Building reflected that that service took calls for HUGHES but knew little about him. They knew he traveled around the country a lot and stopped in at the answering service to pick up messages. They did not know just what he did but stated he had no home phone. They stated he was evidently self-employed.

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HUGHES could not be identified in the files of the Credit Bureau, the MPD, Dun and Bradstreet, the City Directory, Telephone Directory, or the White House Police who issue credentials to newspapermen covering White House press conferences.

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Generally, HUGHES furnished the following information that he recalled having refreshed his memory from his notes:

He stated that he received the impression from conversations he overheard that MATUSOW had made an out and out proposition to BISHOP OXNAM to recant his, MATUSOW's, testimony, for financial assistance from OXNAM. HUGHES felt that MATUSOW was put up to contacting OXNAM by others. HUGHES thought MATUSOW chose OXNAM on his own, because he apparently felt OXNAM's name would lend credence to his story. HUGHES also recalled that RAUH made the statement that MATUSOW saw that public opinion was shifting from those attacking to those being attacked.

HUGHES further recalled prior to September, 1954, he had been at ALFRED FRIENDLY's house on R Street, N.W., in Washington, D.C. Editor WIGGINS of the Washington Post was there, FRIENDLY was there, and FONTAINE BRADLEY, the lawyer for the Post, as well as HUGHES. According to HUGHES, it was mentioned during the conversation that "they" had seen Attorney General BROWNELL at a "hush-hush" meeting, during which they mentioned they were working on a man who was going to embarrass the Justice Department and they wanted the Attorney General to know in advance of any publicity. MATUSOW's name was not mentioned, but in light of subsequent developments, HUGHES felt that they were definitely referring to MATUSOW.

As HUGHES recalled, FRIENDLY and either WIGGINS or PHILIP L. GRAHAM, President of the Washington Post, had visited the Attorney General. HUGHES also recalls that in Denver, he has notes concerning a call or letter to RAUH from ARTHUR SCHLESINGER concerning MATUSOW. Further, he recalls someone who is or was working with Senator LEHMAN, HERBERT <sup>D.C.</sup> was either working with MATUSOW or had turned something over to WECHSLER. HUGHES also had a recollection of notes concerning a meeting in the Southwest part of the U.S. between representatives of the Washington Post and MATUSOW. Further, HUGHES recalled 3 other incidents relating to MATUSOW, but could not recall details and could not identify specifically with any person in the absence of his notes.

On 2/11/55, HUGHES furnished those of his original notes that he had in Washington, D.C.

Investigation concerning HUGHES has reflected that OSI, Fourth District, has no derogatory information concerning him. G-2 at Fort Holabird reportedly has no record. His Army service record substantiates his length of service and reflected that he was treated during March and April, 1952, for "acute situational maladjustment manifested by nervousness, headache, and weight loss."